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1. ON NIGHT OF AUGUST 26-27 MILITARY UNITS UNDER COPCON CONTROL OCCUPIED QUARTERS OF STRIDENTLY PRO-COMMUNIST J-5 DIVISION.
2. J-5 CONTROLS PRESS, INFORMATION, AND DYNAMIZATION ACTIVITIES OF ARMED FORCES. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL SUSPENDED J-5 FROM FURTHER ACTIVITIES ON AUGUST 26 AS ONE PART OF A SOLOMON-LIKE DECISION WHICH ALSO RESTORED BRIGADIER CORVACHO TO COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN MILITARY REGION (REF A).

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3. J-5 OFFICIALS, UNDER DIRECTION OF RAMIRO CORREIA, AFTER MEETING IN GENERAL SESSION ON AFTERNOON OF AUG 26, ISSUED STATEMENT CLAIMING THAT "SUSPENSION" ONLY APPLIED TO "EXTERNAL" ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ISSUANCE OF COMMUNIQUE, RADIO PROGRAMS, AND THE ARMED FORCES BULLETIN. J-5 CLAIMED THAT ITS POLITICAL ORIENTATION COURSES FOR MONITORS OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT WERE "INTERNAL" AND NOT BE AFFECTED. J-5 OFFICIALS DETERMINED TO OCCUPY THE DIVISIONS OFFICES UNTIL THE "SITUATION WAS CLARIFIED."

4. COMMENT: PRESIDENT, OR POSSIBLY COPCON COMMANDER OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO, OR BOTH, HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT JG-5 ACTION REPRESENTED SUFFICIENT AFFRONT TO WARRANT ACTION. SITUATION COMPLICATED BY MASSIVE LEFTIST UNITED FRONT DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR 7:30 P.M. TONIGHT. J-5 HAD SPONSORED FORMATION OF THE UNITED FRONT. ANOTHER FACTOR IN J-5 SUSPENSION AND COPCON INTERVENTION COULD BE POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN THESE ACTIONS AND WITHDRAWAL OF FABIAO AS CANDIDATE FOR PM(REF B). FABIAO HAS ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO RESTRAIN J-5 ACTIVITIES.
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